

Taipei American School Upper School English Department Summer Reading Texts & Semester Texts 2020-2021

Writers of classical antiquity understood the unique quality of art, its capacity to delight and instruct. The hearers of tales, the audiences in the theaters, and, centuries later, the readers of books – all immersed in story – emerged transformed from their experience with literature. The Taipei American School English Department follows this venerable tradition and hopes our students, too, will be enriched by and find pleasure and knowledge in the books they read. The titles listed for each grade (see below) have been selected for that purpose. All students will also read one school-selected “community” book.

Community Book (Required Text):

Students in Grades 9 & 10 will read Bryan Stevenson, Just Mercy Bryan Stevenson, Just Mercy (Adapted for Young Adults), Amazon ISBN-13: 978-0525580034. Students in Grades 11 & 12 will read Bryan Stevenson, Just Mercy Bryan Stevenson, Amazon ISBN-13: 978-0812984965. A Kindle edition is available for this book. Teachers, students, and administrators alike will be reading this book, and discussion of this work will extend beyond the English classroom. **Students should anticipate that in August, at the beginning of school, teachers will give an evaluated in-class essay test about this book as well as all the books required for summer reading.**

ALL STUDENTS:

Students must purchase their books, including the book selected for community reading. **Please make sure to purchase the specific edition listed of each text.** All books should be obtained as soon as possible, ideally by the beginning of the school year. Students should allot the appropriate amount of time for a book shipment to arrive and should not rely on last minute purchases at local bookstores, which may or may not have enough copies of a particular book. **Where indicated on this list, Kindle copies of the selected texts may be purchased in place of paperback copies; however, students are not permitted to use e-texts on their laptops, tablets, or phones in the classroom.**

NEW STUDENTS:

Please select two texts from your grade level and what you anticipate your course will be. For instance, if you are entering grade 11 and expect to enroll in the IB program but you are not sure if you will take IBSL or IBHL, choose the one that is most likely. Teachers will be flexible when they give their in-class assessments. It is possible that some students will not know their final placement in English classes until school begins in August. When classes begin, your teachers will, if necessary, make arrangements for assessment of the summer texts you read. **We encourage parents of these students to buy any available edition of summer reading books so students can read and be prepared.** They will still need to purchase the correct edition of semester texts.

STUDENTS with TWO ENGLISH COURSES:

Students who have two English classes must read both texts for one course of their choice, with the exception of students taking AP Literature and Composition, who must read the summer texts for this course. They may, of course, read four books--the two works for both classes.

Kindle: An assigned book may be purchased and read via Kindle only if so indicated; students are not permitted to use e-texts on their laptops, tablets, or phones in the classroom.

ENGLISH 9

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Summer Reading Text	Author/Writer	Edition	Amazon ISBN-13	Kindle version?
First They Killed My Father	Loung Ung	Harper	9780060856267	Yes
The Alchemist	Paulo Coelho	Harper	9780062315007	Yes
Semester Text	Author/Writer	Edition	Amazon ISBN-13	Kindle version?
Sadlier Vocabulary Workshop LEVEL D	Jerome Shostak	Enriched (2012)	9780821580097	No
Refugee	Alan Gratz	Scholastic	9780545880831	Yes
Romeo and Juliet	William Shakespeare	Folger	9781451621709	Yes
Lord of the Flies	William Golding	Penguin (2003)	9780399501487	Yes
Ender's Game	Orson Scott Card	Tor	9780812550702	Yes
Poetry Course Reader	Various	Provided by teacher	N/A	No

HONORS ENGLISH 9

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Summer Reading Text	Author/Writer	Edition	Amazon ISBN-13	Kindle version?
First They Killed My Father	Loung Ung	Harper	9780060856267	Yes
I Am Malala: How One Girl Stood Up for Education and Changed the World (Young Readers Edition)	Malala Yousafzai, Patricia McCormick	Little, Brown Books for Young Readers	9780316327916	Yes
Semester Text	Author/Writer	Edition	Amazon ISBN-13	Kindle version?
Non-fiction Essays	Various	Provided by teacher	N/A	No
Odyssey	Homer, Trans. Wilson	W W. Norton & Company	9780393356250	No
Romeo and Juliet	William Shakespeare	Folger	9781451621709	No
Folktales: Retellings	Various	Provided by teacher	N/A	No
Poetry	Various	Provided by teacher	N/A	No
The House on Mango Street	Sandra Cisneros	Vintage	9780679734772	No

ENGLISH 10

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Summer Reading Text	Author/Writer	Edition	Amazon ISBN-13	Kindle version?
We Should All Be Feminists	Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie	Anchor Books	9781101911761	Yes
Kindred	Octavia Butler	Beacon Press	9780807083697	Yes
Semester Text	Author/Writer	Edition	Amazon ISBN-13	Kindle version?
Animal Farm	George Orwell	NAL; Reprint edition	9780452284241	Yes
Gothic Short Stories	Various	Provided by teacher	N/A	No
The Oedipus Cycle	Sophocles	Mariner Books; 1 edition	9780156027649	Yes
Poetry	Various	Provided by teacher	N/A	No
Macbeth	William Shakespeare	Simon & Schuster	9780743477109	Yes
Non-fiction	Various	Provided by instructor		

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Summer Reading Text	Author/Writer	Edition	Amazon ISBN-13	Kindle version?
Hunger	Lan Samantha Chang	W.W. Norton & Company	9780393337952	Yes
Incidents in the Life of a Slave Girl (no need to read Frederick Douglass)	Harriet Jacobs	Modern Library Classics	9780345478238	Yes
Semester Text	Author/Writer	Edition	Amazon ISBN-13	Kindle version?
Short Prose Selections	Various	Provided by teacher	N/A	No
1984	George Orwell	Signet Classics	9780451524935	No
Othello	William Shakespeare	Simon & Schuster	9780743477550	No
The Reluctant Fundamentalist	Mohsin Hamid	Harvest Books	9780156034029	Yes
Poetry	Various	Provided by teacher	N/A	No

AP ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND COMPOSITION

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Summer Reading Text	Author/Writer	Edition	Amazon ISBN-13	Kindle version?
Killers of the Flower Moon	David Grann	Vintage Books	9780307742483	Yes
Tell Me How It Ends: An Essay in 40 Questions	Valeria Luiselli	Coffee House Press	9781566894951	Yes
Semester Text	Author/Writer	Edition	Amazon ISBN-13	Kindle version?
The New Jim Crow	Michelle Alexander	The New Press	97816209719325	Yes
Essays	Various	Provided by teacher	N/A	No

AMERICAN LITERATURE

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Summer Reading Text	Author/Writer	Edition	Amazon ISBN-13	Kindle version?
The Illustrated Man	Ray Bradbury	Harper Collins	9780062079978	Yes
The Underground Railroad	Colson Whitehead	Anchor	9780345804327	Yes
Semester Text	Author/Writer	Edition	Amazon ISBN-13	Kindle version?
The Great Gatsby	F. Scott Fitzgerald	Scribner	9780743273565	Yes
Between the World and Me	Ta-Nehisi Coates	The Text Publishing	9780812993547	Yes
Killers of the Flower Moon	David Grann	Vintage Books	9780307742483	Yes
When the Emperor Was Divine	Julie Otsuka	Anchor	9780385721813	Yes
Moby Dick	Herman Melville	Bookcaps	9781475052176	No

HONORS AMERICAN LITERATURE

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Summer Reading Text	Author/Writer	Edition	Amazon ISBN-13	Kindle version?
Little Fires Everywhere	Celeste Ng	Penguin Books	9780735224315	Yes
Station Eleven	Emily St. John Mandel	Vintage Books	9780804172448	Yes
Semester Text	Author/Writer	Edition	Amazon ISBN-13	Kindle version?
The Great Gatsby	F. Scott Fitzgerald	Scribner	9780743273565	Yes
When the Emperor Was Divine	Julie Otsuka	Anchor	9780385721813	Yes
Ceremony	Leslie Marmon Silko	Penguin Books	9780143104919	Yes
The Bluest Eye	Toni Morrison	Vintage Books	9780307278449	Yes
The Things They Carried	Tim O'Brien	Mariner Books	9780618706419	Yes
Between the World and Me	Ta-Nehisi Coates	Text Publishing Co	9780812993547	Yes

LITERATURE, JUSTICE, & LAW

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Summer Reading Text	Author/Writer	Edition	Amazon ISBN-13	Kindle version?
A Lesson Before Dying	Ernest J. Gaines	Vintage	9780375702709	YES
The Stranger	Albert Camus	Vintage	9780679720201	YES
Semester Text	Author/Writer	Edition	Amazon ISBN-13	Kindle version?
The Trial	Franz Kafka	Schocken	9780805209990	YES
Antigone	Sophocles	Methuen Drama (Student Editions)	9780413776044	NO
Devil in the White City	Erik Larson	Random House	9780375725609	YES
Course Reader	Various	Provided by the teacher	N/A	N/A

WORLD LITERATURE

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Summer Reading Text	Author/Writer	Edition	Amazon ISBN-13	Kindle version?
The Metamorphosis	Franz Kafka	Dover	9780486290300	No
The Summer Book	Tove Jansson	NYRB Classics	9781590172681	Yes
Semester Text	Author/Writer	Edition	Amazon ISBN-13	Kindle version?
Thérèse Raquin	Emile Zola	Oxford	9780199536856	No
Frankenstein	Mary Shelley	Penguin Classics	9780141439471	Yes
Ramayana	RK Narayan	Penguin Classics	9780143039679	No
Iphigenia, Phaedra and Athaliah	Jean Racine	Penguin Classics	9780140441222	Yes
The Epic of Gilgamesh	N.K. Sandars	Penguin Classics	9780140441000	Yes

HONORS WORLD LITERATURE

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Summer Reading Text	Author/Writer	Edition	Amazon ISBN-13	Kindle version?
The Metamorphosis	Franz Kafka	Dover	9780486290300	No
The Summer Book	Tove Jansson	NYRB Classics	9781590172681	Yes
Semester Text	Author/Writer	Edition	Amazon ISBN-13	Kindle version?
Thérèse Raquin	Emile Zola	Oxford	9780199536856	No
Frankenstein	Mary Shelley	Penguin Classics	9780141439471	Yes
Ramayana	RK Narayan	Penguin Classics	9780143039679	No
Iphigenia, Phaedra and Athaliah	Jean Racine	Penguin Classics	9780140441222	Yes
The Epic of Gilgamesh	N.K. Sandars	Penguin Classics	9780140441000	Yes

IBSL ENGLISH LANGUAGE & LITERATURE YEAR 1

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Summer Reading Text	Author/Writer	Edition	Amazon ISBN-13	Kindle version?
Circe	Madeline Miller	Bloomsbury	9781408890042	Yes
The Word for World is Forest	Ursula K. LeGuin	Tor Books	9780765324641	Yes
Semester Text	Author/Writer	Edition	Amazon ISBN-13	Kindle version?
The Thing Around Your Neck	Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie	Anchor Books	9780307455918	No
Migritude	Shailja Patel	Kaya Press	9781885030054	No
The World's Wife	Carol Ann Duffy	Farrar, Straus and Giroux	9780571199952	No
Selected poetry and short fiction	Various	Provided by teacher	N/A	No
Selected non-fiction and visual texts	Various	Provided by teacher	N/A	No

IBSL ENGLISH LANGUAGE & LITERATURE YEAR 2

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Summer Reading Text	Author/Writer	Edition	Amazon ISBN-13	Kindle version?
Hunger	Lan Samantha Chang	W.W. Norton & Company	9780393337952	Yes
Bone	Fae Myenne Ng	Hachette Books	9781401309534	Yes
Semester Text	Author/Writer	Edition	Amazon ISBN-13	Kindle version?
The God of Small Things	Arundhati Roy	Random House Trade Paperback	9780812979657	Yes
On Earth We're Briefly Gorgeous	Ocean Vuong	Penguin Press	9780525562023	No
The House at Sugar Beach: In Search of a Lost African Childhood	Helene Cooper	Simon & Schuster	9780743266253	Yes
Kaffir Boy: The True Story of a Black Youth's Coming of Age in Apartheid South Africa	Mark Mathabane	Free Press	9780684848280	Yes

IBHL ENGLISH LITERATURE YEAR 1

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Summer Reading Text	Author/Writer	Edition	Amazon ISBN-13	Kindle version?
Your House Will Pay: A Novel	Steph Cha	Ecco	9780062868848	Yes
How to Get Filthy Rich in Rising Asia: A Novel	Mohsin Hamid	Riverhead Books	9781594632334	Yes
Semester Text	Author/Writer	Edition	Amazon ISBN-13	Kindle version?
Bad Feminist: Essays	Roxane Gay	Harper Perennial	9780062282712	No
The Thing Around Your Neck	Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie	Anchor	9780307455918	No
The Lover	Marguerite Duras	Pantheon	9780375700521	No
Raise the Red Lantern: Three Novellas	Su Tong	William Morrow	9780060596330	No
The Reader	Bernhard Schlink	Vintage	9780375707971	No
Wade in the Water	Tracy K. Smith	Graywolf Press	9781555978365	No
The Piano Lesson	August Wilson	Plume	9780452265349	No

IBHL ENGLISH LITERATURE YEAR 2

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Summer Reading Text	Author/Writer	Edition	Amazon ISBN-13	Kindle version?
One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest	Ken Kesey	Penguin Classics; Reissue edition	9780143105022	Yes
Half of a Yellow Sun	Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie	Anchor	9781400095209	Yes
Semester Text	Author/Writer	Edition	Amazon ISBN-13	Kindle version?
Medea	Euripides	Dover Publications	9780486275482	Yes
Selected Poetry and Short Fiction	Carol Ann Duffy, Sylvia Plath, Helen Oyeyemi, Yiyun Li	Provided by teacher	N/A	N/A
The Reader	Berhard Schlink	Vintage	9780375707971	Yes
The Metamorphosis	Franz Kafka	W. W. Norton & Company	9780393347098	Yes
Master Harold and the Boys	Athol Fugard	Vintage International	9780307475206	No
Death of a Salesman	Arthur Miller	Penguin	9780140481341	Yes

AP ENGLISH LITERATURE AND COMPOSITION

It is imperative to purchase the specific edition listed of these texts due to the critical material and explanatory notes they contain which will be part of the assigned reading and thus both assessments and the daily reading quizzes in this course. Please do not purchase other paper or electronic editions as reading a different edition will deprive you of essential information necessary for success in this course.

Summer Reading Text	Author/Writer	Edition	Amazon ISBN-13	Kindle version?
Heart of Darkness	Joseph Conrad	W.W. Norton	9780393264869	No
Jane Eyre	Charlotte Bronte	W.W. Norton	9780393264876	No
Semester Text	Author/Writer	Edition	Amazon ISBN-13	Kindle version?
Wuthering Heights	Emily Bronte	Penguin	9780141439556	No
The Importance of Being Earnest and Other Plays	Oscar Wilde	Penguin	9780140436068	No
Mrs. Dalloway (Annotated)	Virginia Woolf	Mariner Books	9780156030359	No
Death of a Salesman	Arthur Miller	Penguin	9780140481341	Yes
Things Fall Apart	Chinua Achebe	Penguin	9780385474542	Yes
Master and Margarita	Mikhail Bulgakov	Penguin	9780141180144	No
The Inheritance of Loss	Kiran Desai	Grove Press	9780802142818	Yes
Wit: A Play	Margaret Edson	Farrar, Straus, & Giroux	9780571198771	Yes
Beginning theory: An introduction to literary and cultural theory: Fourth edition (Beginnings)	Peter Barry	Manchester University Press	9781526121790	No

ALL JOURNALISM COURSES (REGULAR & HONORS)

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Summer Reading Text	Author/Writer	Edition	Amazon ISBN-13	Kindle version?
<p>Find and watch at least one movie/tv show about journalism: Some notable examples include: "All the President's Men," "Shattered Glass," "Page One," "Capote," "Good Night and Good Luck," "Kill the Messenger," "True Story," or "Spotlight." Alternatively, you can watch episodes from the TV show "The Newsroom" if you prefer. Please choose one that you have not seen before. You can find these titles available on Amazon, Google Play, Apple iTunes, or wherever you prefer to rent movies.</p> <p>Read the teacher made digital "staff handbook and summer reading booklet" with excerpts from award-winning student newspapers and designs. (Less than 50 pages)</p>				
Required Semester Text	Author/Writer	Edition	Amazon ISBN-13	Kindle version?
The Elements of Journalism	Kovach, Rosenstiel	Three Rivers	9780804136785	Yes
Associated Press Stylebook (2017-2020 editions)	Associated Press	Multiple editions allowed	9781541699892	No

WRITING WORKSHOP & SEMINAR 1/HONORSWRITING WORKSHOP & SEMINAR 1: No texts need to be purchased in advance

POETRY SEMINAR & WORKSHOP/HONORS POETRY SEMINAR & WORKSHOP: No texts need to be purchased in advance

EXPOSITORY WRITING - No texts need to be purchased in advance

ART & LITERATURE / HONORS ART & LITERATURE: No texts need to be purchased in advance